



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CONSTRUCTION CODES COORDINATING BOARD
c/o DCRA – 1100 4th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024

CODE CHANGE PROPOSAL FORM

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CODE: Existing Building SECTION NO: 801.3 SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO ExBC-EB-8-2-13

PROPOSING SUBCOMMITTEE: Existing Building CHAIR: Fetterman PHONE: 202 625 2525 E-mail: fetterman-dc@att.net

DATES OF PROPOSAL: 4-10-2012 CCCB PRESENTATION: 4-12-2012 CCCB APPROVAL: 4-19-2012

CHECK ONE *Revise section to read as follows:* *Delete section and substitute the following:*
 Add new section to read as follows: *Delete section without substitution.*

TYPE ALL TEXT IN 12-POINT TIMES NEW ROMAN FONT

~~LINE THROUGH TEXT TO BE DELETED~~ (highlight text, under Format, click font and check strikethrough)

UNDERLINE TEXT TO BE ADDED

Use additional sheets of the form, if necessary.

See next page.

Anticipated impact of code change on cost of construction (CHECK ONE)

Increase *Decrease* *Negligible* *Unknown*

Per 1,000 SF single-family dwelling to
Per 1,000SF of commercial building to

JUSTIFICATION OF CHANGE:

Please reference one or more of the criteria required

- To address a critical life/safety, health, general welfare need.
- To address a specific District of Columbia policy or statute
- For consistency with federal, or with reference to the Metro DC area (MD, VA) codes
- Address a unique character issue in the District of Columbia
- Correction of errors and omissions
- Other (explain)

Provides flexibility for the large number of existing basement and attic spaces in existing DC buildings. DC language modified to be more similar to language in model code Section 805.2 Exception 2. This code change was labeled EX-8-2-13 when approved by the TAG during this code cycle and a similar code change was labeled EX-7-2-11 when approved as a part of 2011 12 DCMR J, on 9-16-2010.



Strike Section 801.3 of the International Existing Building Code in its entirety and insert new Section 801.3 to the Existing Building Code in its place to read as follows:

801.3 Compliance. All new construction elements, components, systems, and spaces shall comply with the requirements of the *Building Code*.

Exceptions:

1. Windows may be added without requiring compliance with the light and ventilation requirements of the *Building Code*.
2. Newly installed electrical equipment shall comply with the requirements of Section 808.
3. The length of dead-end corridors in newly constructed spaces shall only be required to comply with the provisions of Section 805.6.
4. The minimum ceiling height of the newly created habitable and occupiable spaces and corridors shall be 7 feet (2134 mm). A lower clearance than that set forth in Exceptions to Subsection 1208.2 of the *Building Code* is permitted in special cases where the *code official* determines that a lower clearance will pose no undue health or safety hazard to the occupants.